

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.

Colonel Albert J. Fountain and Son of Las Cruces Are Missing.

FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED.

Great Excitement throughout the Territory Over the Strange Disappearance—Should Have Reached Las Cruces Last Saturday—His Wagon Found Ten Miles Off the Road—Father and Son Thought to Have Been Murdered—Searching Party Out.

Information reached this city Monday that Col. Albert J. Fountain and his little nine year old son, of Las Cruces, were missing and it is feared that they have either been murdered or kidnapped. Colonel Fountain, accompanied by his little boy, had been at Lincoln attending court and was seen coming towards Las Cruces last Saturday about four miles from that town. The Tularosa mail carrier, who met him at this point, told the following story:

"I met Colonel Fountain near the Chalk Hills, about forty miles from Las Cruces. Just before meeting him I saw three men on horseback, who seemed not wanting to meet me and took across the plain at my approach. When I met Colonel Fountain he asked me if I knew who the horses were. I told him I did not, and he then said they had been following or riding directly ahead of him for some time. He was suspicious of them.

"I told the colonel that it would be best to come back to a neighboring ranch with me and that we would start to Las Cruces together Sunday morning. He studied the matter over a moment, and then said:

"No, I will drive on. Good-bye."

"With this Colonel Fountain drove off and I continued on my way.

"Sunday morning I started toward Las Cruces. About five miles this side of where I had met Colonel Fountain the previous day I saw where the tracks of the Colonel's buggy had left the road. Remembering the suspicious actions of the horsemen the previous day I thought something was wrong and began to follow. After following a ways I got down and examined the tracks. In addition to the tracks made by the Colonel's team and buggy, the hoof tracks of three horses following were plainly discernable.

"I then came on to Las Cruces and finding that Colonel Fountain had not arrived told what I had seen."

Col. Fountain is the prosecuting attorney for the Southwest Cattlemen's association and has brought many cattle thieves to justice, and it is thought that the three horsemen who were seen following him were members of the gang of thieves he has been so successful in breaking up.

The Rio Grande Republican, in its extra edition of the 4th inst., says:

The news spread like wild-fire and a party was immediately organized, headed by Albert and Jack Fountain, sons of Colonel Fountain, to search for Colonel Fountain if alive, or find his body if dead.

About 4 o'clock Monday afternoon the party returned and reported having found Colonel Fountain's wagon ten miles off the road, but the Colonel nor his little son were anywhere to be found. The horses were gone, as was also the feed, the Colonel's rifle and other articles which he had in the wagon. A box under the wagon seat in which Colonel Fountain kept his papers, had been pulled out and the contents of the box were rumpled up as if having been gone through hurriedly. All around where the wagon was found could be traced the hoof prints of three horses.

A Mexican who lives in the neighborhood where the wagon was found, but whose name we were unable to learn, says he followed the tracks made by Colonel Fountain's team and says that at times Colonel Fountain would drive rather slowly and again would appear to be driving at break-neck speed. He also found, a little distance from the tracks of Colonel Fountain's team, the imprints of the hoofs of three horses apparently being ridden very fast, as if the riders were intent on heading off the Colonel.

Jack Fountain, a son of the supposed murdered man, who was with the party to search for his father, told the following story on his return:

"We struck father's trail where he left the road and followed it to where he had evidently made a stop, and where from all indications he was taken prisoner by the men who were following him. The tracks show that horsemen approached him from three sides, and I think that owing to the presence of my little brother father must have surrendered rather than have the little boy hurt."

"From there we followed the trail of the entire party to where we found the wagon. The foot-prints of both father and brother could be seen around the wagon. The tracks of the horses leaving the wagon were going toward the old Wilber ranch in the Jicarilla. I was sure of foul play after discovering this evidence and came to town for assistance."

A large posse, headed by W. H. H. Llewellyn and Fred H. Bascom, started out about six o'clock Monday evening, followed shortly after by another posse headed by John Casey, Jr. They went well provided with provisions and equipped to make a thorough search of the country.

Service at the M. E. Church.

Preaching every Sunday, both 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:00 o'clock.

R. A. GOWDY, Pastor.

MINOR MENTION.

Latest News Happenings Circulated in Town Style for Headlight Readers.

Masquerade ball to-night.

Remember the masquerade ball at the opera house.

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Don't overlook the fact that the masquerade ball will take place at the opera house to-night. Tickets 50c.

A. E. Brown, Dentist, of El Paso, Tex., will be in this city to-morrow to spend some days. Those wishing to see him had better do so at once.

The Depot Hotel is being entirely renovated, repainted and papered, and everything about that famous hotel is being fixed up in first class up-to-date shape.

G. N. Petty has secured the services of Santiago Loreda a first class shoemaker and is prepared to do all kinds of boot and shoe repairing on short notice.

In his fight against George Dixon, Jerry Marshall will be seconded by Jim Mall, Peter Maher and Chuck Cornelius. John J. Quinn will be Marshall's time-keeper.

The Rev. E. M. J. Andrews will conduct services at Hillside next Sunday. In his absence Mr. C. B. Allaire, Lay-reader, will officiate at St. Luke's. No evening service.

No work as yet has been received from "C. E. E." Jimmy Connolly or Jack Dalton. The pair are supposed to be on route from Chicago somewhere between La Junta and El Paso.

N. A. Bolch's store is now one of the best appointed mercantile establishments in the southwest, having received a new coat of calicoes and paint. A new lot of shelving has also been added.

One hundred thousand one-sheet bills and lithographs have been distributed over the United States, Mexico and Canada on the El Paso carnival. Besides this 50,000 official programs have been struck off.

Bert Claypoole, the young Virginia plunger, who took \$40,000 out of the betting ring at Washington Park the day that Boundless won the American Derby, is to bring a box party on from lower Florida for the big fight.

United States Court convened at Silver City last Monday and the jury are being organized. Judge Banta had to attend the Supreme court at Santa Fe one day this week, so a recess was taken Monday evening until yesterday.

Buch Cornelius is said to have a syndicate behind him which has subscribed a fund of \$25,000 to lay on Maher as against Fitzsimmons. It is said that this money will be held back for betting at the ring-side, at which juncture Fitzsimmons is expected to be as good as 10 to 1 in the betting.

The entertainment which was to have been given by the W. C. T. U. next Tuesday evening has been postponed one week. "The Songs of Seven" is admirably adapted to representation in tableaux, and with music and recitations interspersed, offer a most attractive program, well worth waiting for.

Prof. B. Schapiro, the expert optician of San Francisco, has been in town since Tuesday, with headquarters at Mrs. A. J. Clark's. Any person troubled with their eyes should not miss this opportunity of consulting with Prof. Schapiro. Failing eyesight cured and glasses made to correct all troubles of the eye. Examination free.

Secretary Wheelock has now on his application for over three thousand seats for the series of fights that will come off near El Paso next week. To give an idea of the volume of business being transacted it is necessary only to state that on Saturday 412 telegrams were received and the two mail deliveries brought 752 letters.

With Choyinski behind Fitzsimmons and Hall seconding Maher, a curious fat combination will present itself. Fitzsimmons beat Maher in twelve rounds, Hall in four rounds, and had a police finish with Choyinski in five rounds. Maher fought a six-round draw with Hall, was defeated by Fitzsimmons and challenged by Choyinski. Choyinski knocked Hall out in thirteen rounds. Then, to complicate matters still further, Hall knocked Fitzsimmons out in four rounds. Get your pencil out and figure.

A SADDENED HOME.

The sad news reached L. v. last Sunday of the sudden death of Mrs. A. C. Baxter, at 5 o'clock on that day, from heart trouble, at Lima, Ohio.

Mrs. Baxter had been suffering severely from heart trouble and had been under the care of a physician ever since leaving here about two months ago. Trained nurses were secured from Cincinnati, Ohio, and the family physician took every precaution available, but death came swiftly. She suddenly gasped for breath and exclaimed: "I am dying!" and falling backwards, lapsed into unconsciousness and died within a few minutes, and as her life passed out the life of her infant babe began.

Mrs. Baxter made friends with all whom she met here who deeply feel her sudden death and extend their heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the husband and four little children, the oldest of whom is seven years, who are left to suffer the bereavement.

The funeral services were held at Lima, Ohio, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

St. Luke Church.

Next Sunday (Exaggerated Sunday.) 11 a. m. Morning Prayer.

8 p. m. Sunday school.

7 p. m. No service.

Wednesday: Ladies Guild at Mrs. B. H. C. 8 p. m.

Friday: Literary at 8 p. m.

All welcome.

Rev. STEPHEN H. J. ANDREWS.

SENTENCE REDUCED.

President Cleveland Commutes Dana's Sentence to Five Years.

SUP. BERGMANN NOTIFIED.

Was President of the Closed Banks of Deming and Silver City—Sentenced in March 1894—Official Notice Received Wednesday—Mrs. A. C. Baxter Dead—Leaves Four Small Children—Officers Installed—Commissioners Meet—Other Important News of the Week.

Superintendent E. H. Bergmann, of the New Mexico Penitentiary at Santa Fe, received last Wednesday official notice from President Cleveland, that he had commuted the sentence of C. H. Dana to five years.

Mr. Dana was president of the defunct First National Bank of Deming and Silver, both of which were closed February 2nd 1893, and was sentenced to March 1894 to a term of ten years in the New Mexico Penitentiary. He has now served almost two years.

SPECIAL SESSION.

Proceedings of the County Commissioners at Their Last Meeting.

Special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, begun and held at Silver City, Grant county, New Mexico, Feb. 4th 1895.

Present, Hon. Thomas Foster, Chairman, "J. N. Upton, Com. "

"E. M. Young, Clerk.

Minutes of regular meeting January 6th 1895 read and approved.

It is ordered by the Board that the Clerk draw warrants on County Fund in favor of:

B. P. Powell, one lion killed \$7.50

Duke Fitzsimmons, one lion killed 7.50

W. H. Alexander, one lion killed 7.50

The Treasurer of Grant County, N. M. is hereby directed to apportion moneys coming into his hands on special deficit fund as follows:

All such moneys received from levies of 1895 and years previous thereto shall be applied to the payment of current expenses of said county accruing in the year 1894.

It is ordered by the Board that the number of cattle assessed to C. D. Foster for the year 1894 be abated to 853 head as returned and Collector credited with \$68.77

To the Azure Mining Co. and its agents, Grant County, New Mexico.

Complaint having been made to the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, N. M. that you have obstructed and forbidden travel to the public to a certain public highway, known as the old Paschal road passing from the Mangue valley to old camp Paschal in the Burro Mountains in Grant County, N. M. Notice is hereby given to you to appear before the said Board at its next meeting to be held the first Monday in April 1895, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the Court House of said County to show cause if any you have why you have obstructed said road and forbidden travel thereon to the public.

Following General Licenses ordered rebated and collector credited with the amounts.

N. 148 G. W. Vena \$10.00 No. 315 G. N. Vena \$10.00

N. 257 Jim Lee & Co. \$10.00 No. 257 M. W. Chase \$5.00

N. 267 M. E. Keyes \$10.00 No. 297 American Chop House \$10.00

N. 312 G. W. Vena, \$10.00 No. 330 Jim Lee & Co. \$10.00

N. 345 W. P. Tossell \$5.00 No. 148 M. W. Chase \$5.00

N. 555 M. E. Keyes \$10.00 No. 53 English Kitchen \$10.00

N. 555 Joe Kee \$5.00 No. 75 G. W. Bailey \$5.00

N. 56 Burnside & Co. \$5.00 No. 88 J. M. Pritter \$5.00

N. 104 Allison & Gubary \$10.00 No. 144 J. M. Pritter \$5.00

N. 148 Ky Hess \$50.00 No. 197 Fong Toon \$10.00

N. 5 Hott Swan \$5.00

It is ordered by the Board that the Clerk draw warrants against the respective funds in favor of T. M. Childers, Assessor for commission on Taxes Collected for the year 1895, as follows:

General Expense Fund Tax and Licenses \$107.00

General School Fund Tax and Licenses 137.29

Interest Bonds, Fund 1894 and 1895 89.25

Contingent Expense Fund Tax 15.25

Bond Fund 8.15

Bounty 8.15

Special School Pet No. 11 23.79

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Laid Judgment Fund 108.21

Board adjourned to April 1st 1895.

Attest Approved

E. M. YOUNG, THOMAS FOSTER, Clerk, Chairman.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Knight of Pythias Lodge Installed Officers Last Tuesday Night.

At a regular meeting of Deming Lodge No. 20, K. of P., held at Castle Hall last Tuesday evening, the following officers were installed:

Henry Meyer, C. C.; G. N. Petty, V. C.; William Leffer, P.; Joe Kelly, K. of R. & A.; J. Clark, M. of W.; M. C. Rose, M. of F.; N. A. Bolch, M. of E.; W. K. Burnside, I. G.; B. A. Knowles, O. G.

Grand Chancellor, C. E. Perry, will visit this Lodge on Saturday evening February 9th, and a special meeting is called for that evening in Castle Hall at 8:30 o'clock. All Bro's. are requested to attend this meeting.

SOME MORE FACTS.

Principally for the Enlightenment of the Silver City (City) Sentinel.

The Headlight is altogether opposed to personal journalism and is fully aware of the fact that such disputes are of little interest to the average reader, but at the same time it feels that in justice to itself and the members of the board of county commissioners, as representing the taxpayers of this county, that a very few words are necessary in answer to the bitter attacks, occupying almost the whole of its editorial space, made in the last issue of the Silver City Sentinel in reference to the awarding of the county printing to this paper.

The Sentinel charges that the delinquent tax list now being published in this paper in supplement form was printed in the office of the Enterprise and by insinuation would intimate that this paper and the Enterprise had some sort of an understanding in reference to a division of the amount derived from the county printing. In answer to the first statement, the Headlight will state frankly that the tax list supplement was printed in the office of the Enterprise, a fact which this paper has never made the slightest attempt to conceal, and for very good reasons. When the printing was given to the Headlight in January, the republican collector had already given the Enterprise, then the county printer, the copy for the list several days previous and at the time the contract was awarded a very large portion of the list was in type at the Enterprise office, one of the very few papers in New Mexico equipped to set up 20 columns in nonpareil and which the Sentinel cannot begin to do. The statutes provide that the list must be published four times before the first Monday in March, and this office had not sufficient nonpareil type to set up the same and in the short time allowed, there was no opportunity for getting it there from the foundry not to mention the impossibility of hiring experienced compositors here necessary to put the list in type. As a business proposition pure and simple, arrangements were made with the Enterprise to complete the list and this paper to pay for the same at the actual cost to that office. There were absolutely no politics in the matter—merely a business accommodation which might be exchanged between any offices, and in which politics were entirely foreign. As to the insinuation contained in the articles in the Sentinel, it is enough to brand them as malicious, unprincipled falsehoods, emanating from those who fail to recognize the first duty of journalistic honesty. We deny without qualification a "deal" with the Enterprise in any way, shape or form.

The Headlight's democracy had never been questioned, answering another editorial, and this paper does not recognize in the Sentinel a newspaper in a position to even criticize. The Deming precinct has always given democratic majorities for the tickets, and those occurrences which the Sentinel mentions, where a candidate had not polled the entire strength of the party in this section, have been due entirely to local causes. Last year Mr. A. J. Clark's opponent was a Deming man, and Mr. Laird and Mr. Baca were both Deming men, but the Territorial ticket, the ticket on which the party line is drawn, is always straight up.

We can quote figures by the basketful of similar results in Silver City. We never claimed "control" of the Deming vote, but we do say that we have worked early and late for the welfare of the party and we will always continue to do so. The Sentinel had received the printing for years and the Headlight has never had anything but the kindest words and feelings for that democratic contemporary, and when the commissioners favored this paper with a small share of the patronage, the Sentinel was the last newspaper from whom an attack was expected and dire threats made because it had failed to "hog" all. Insinuations are dangerous playthings and the Headlight feels positive that if the "acquired" acquisition of that office was thoroughly informed as to some not so very ancient history of the Sentinel in matters of politics and printing patronage, free press would not be allowed him with the editorial quill. We deem it very bad policy from a democratic standpoint for two party papers to indulge in a quarrel of this kind and we refuse to retaliate in the methods adopted by the Sentinel, furnishing political material for the opposite party, but we do give warning and give it plainly that there is a limit to personal forbearance, and if we ever are compelled to state facts we will do it in a manner which will conform to the now established rules of Allen Kelley's grammar.

UNITED AND HARMONIOUS.

The Democratic Territorial committee met pursuant to call at the court house in Santa Fe, at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening with Chairman Clark presiding and secretary Romero officiating at the desk.

Resolutions were passed favoring stanchhood and the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1; commending the patriotic message of President Cleveland on the Venezuelan question, and favoring the income tax.

Mr. Hopewell moved that the Democratic territorial convention to select delegates to the Democratic national convention to be held at Las Vegas on Monday, June 13. This motion was unanimously adopted.

Whereupon one of the most harmonious and satisfactory Democratic meetings ever held in the territory closed and the committee adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

ONE YEAR FOR ROUND TRIP.

From all points on the A. T. & S. F. R. to El Paso, Tex. Feb. 12-13-14 and 15th account athletic contest. Tickets good for return Feb. 20th.

General admission and reserved seat tickets can be arranged for by applying to local agents.

DO YOU KNOW THESE CURES?

COLICIOUS LAID IS IN TOWN.

Full line of tobacco and cigars at H. H. Kidder's.

One Minute Cough Cure touches the right spot. It also touches it at the right time if you take it when you have a cough or cold. See the point? Then don't cough. J. P. Byron, druggist.

M. C. HART, Territorial Coal Oil Inspector is in the city.

Everybody goes to the Florida House, because it is quiet, neat and first class in every particular.

Quick in effect, heals and leaves no scar. Burning, scaly skin eruptions quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Applied to burns, scalds, old sores, it is magical in effect. Always cures piles. J. P. Byron, druggist.

G. W. GONZALEZ yesterday for Clifton and Morenci, Arizona, on a business trip.

Hood's Pills have won high praise for their prompt and efficient yet gentle action.

T. A. CARR took a trip to the county seat early in the week, returning Tuesday.

It not only cures, it must be so. One Minute Cough Cure acts quickly, and that's what makes it go. J. P. Byron, druggist.

Carload of flour, cheaper than ever before, at H. H. Kidder's.

"Give me a liver regulator and I can regulate the world," said a genius. The druggist handed him a bottle of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. J. P. Byron, druggist.

WILL BOWEN, the famous Santa Fe traveling agent, was in the city yesterday.

Don't invite disappointment by expecting. Depend upon One Minute Cough Cure and you have immediate relief. It cures croup. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. J. P. Byron, druggist.

H. A. GASTRO, general manager of the Haggin-Hearst cattle ranches is in the city from California.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the enemy to sores, wounds and piles, which it never fails to cure. Stops itching and burning. Cures chapped lips and cold-sores in two or three hours. J. P. Byron, druggist.

PROP. and MRS. B. SCHAPIRO, of San Francisco, Cal. are stopping in town and will remain until Sunday.

Avoid pneumonia, diphtheria and typhoid fever, by keeping the blood pure, the appetite good and the bodily health vigorous by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

W. R. MURPHY journeyed to Silver City Thursday for the purpose of serving his country as a juror.

A high liver with a torpid liver will not be a long liver. Correct the liver with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, little pills that cure dyspepsia and constipation. J. P. Byron, druggist.

W. D. DICK expects to leave soon for California, where he will engage in the wholesale butcher business.

By using Hall's Hair Renewer, gray, faded, or discolored hair assumes the natural color of youth, and grows luxuriant and strong, pleasing everybody.

LOU H. BROWN started yesterday for California, where he will join his family. He expects to be absent about ten days.

J. W. PIERCE, Republic, Ia. says: "I have used One Minute Cough Cure in my family and for myself, with results so entirely satisfactory that I can hardly find words to express myself as to its merit. I will never fail to recommend it to others, on every occasion that presents itself." J. P. Byron, druggist.

AN. MUELLER, representing Val. Blatz Brewing Co., was in the metropolis Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Mueller is one of the boys.

As another Attempt.

In the town named Silver City, About fifty miles away, There's a hotel called the Timmer; 'Tis the only place to stay.

Everything's for your comfort, Of nothing can you complain, And the porter calls you early To catch the morning train.

If any time you visit there, And want to do what's right, Make no mistake, the Timmer take And in comfort spend the night.

Southern Pacific Time Card.

Deming Local Time.

ARRIVE, DAILY TRAINS, DEPART 6:00 p. m. No. 19 Eastbound 6:50 p. m. 12 m. No. 20 Westbound 12:10 p. m. SUNSET LIMITED.

8:05 p. m. No. 1001 Eastbound 8:07 p. m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

11:50 p. m. No. 1000 Westbound 11:58 p. m. Only first-class tickets in connection with Pullman tickets are honored for passage on the Sunset Limited.

Trains No. 10 and 20 carry Pullman sleeping cars daily, and Tourists sleeping cars westbound on Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Eastbound on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

Every effort is made for the comfort of passengers. For further information regarding tickets, rates, connections, etc., call on or address, T. E. HERTZ, Com. Agt.

M. O. BICKNELL, T. F. & P. A. El Paso, Tex.

C. B. BOWEN, Local Agent, Deming, N. M.

A Household Treasure.

D. W. FOLLER of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it if he could. G. A. Dykeman Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy that he has used in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy as long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at J. P. Byron's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Druggist's Analgesic Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. P. Byron, druggist.

GRANT COUNTY MINES.

Are Being Worked Without Cease and With Marvelous Results.

CONROY.

Conroy, Conroy and Shalby are working on their Silver Bar property, and with good results.

The Sheridan mill which was attached several weeks ago, remains idle, and there is no telling when it will be released.

CAMP FIREWORKS.

This long neglected district is again coming to the front. J. H. Feagles has just completed his assessment, work up on the once justly celebrated Penrose property. He has developed a goodly sized deposit of high grade chloride ore, and he expects by depth to enhance its value. He is also doing some development work on other claims.

WHITEWATER.

The Confidence mine continues to be the "King Pin" proposition of the Mogollons, and the big mill at Whitewater is grinding out bullion in astonishing quantities. The company has recently purchased a carload (10 head) of superior draught horses for the purpose of hauling ore from the mine, 3 1/2 miles distant, to the mill.

PINOS ALTOS.

Spaulding and Allen are timbering and straightening their Silver Cord shaft preparatory to sinking 50 feet deeper. This will make the shaft 140 feet deep, and will demonstrate the continuity of the vein. From the 140 level, drifts will be started, and stopes opened up. The Silver Cord will take its position among the numerous producing mines of Grant county.

CENTRAL.

All the mines are working, and the results are entirely satisfactory. The leading properties are making little if any noise, but they are producing regularly. The output of high grade ore is fully up to the average, and the future of the mine is assured.

The Texas and Grand Central continue to astonish outsiders, but the owners who appreciate a good thing, are not saying much.

GEORGETOWN.